

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## **Wylie Officer Awarded Conference Scholarship**

**Wylie, Texas, March 28, 2019** – The Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor of Texas has honored Wylie PD's Crime Victim Advocate Officer Angie McIntosh with a scholarship to the  $14^{th}$  annual Conference on Crimes Against Women, to be held in Dallas April 8-11.

The Conference on Crimes Against Women, presented by the Genesis Women's Shelter & Support and the Dallas Police Department, is a national conference for training and best practices regarding the identification, investigation and prosecution of all types of violent crimes against women, including domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, stalking, and campus safety. Last year's conference was attended by 2,500 representatives from all 50 states.

Wylie PD's Community Resource and Crisis Assistance Program is a grant-funded initiative dedicated to raising awareness about crime victims' rights and issues and to providing resources and services to the community while working to prevent future crisis.

"I am grateful to the CJD for this scholarship and the opportunity to receive training and guidance from some of the nation's leading experts," McIntosh said. "I look forward to returning to the Wylie community with new tools to assist our citizens who are in crisis or have been the victim of a crime."

Wylie PD will hold its second Crime Victims' Vigil Tuesday, April 9, from 6 to 7 pm in Olde City Park. The event will include a candle lighting in honor of those who have been victims of crime.

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About Wylie – Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population approximately 52,000) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the state of Texas with a 220-percent increase since 2000. MONEY Magazine named Wylie the 20<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Live in the Country in 2017. Financial website NerdWallet named Wylie the Best Small City for Young Families in August 2016. Realtor.com named Wylie the second hottest suburb in the country in February 2017. SafeWise named Wylie the ninth safest city in Texas in 2017.